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United Airlines has recently submitted a proposal to the Department of Transportation, which would provide daily, non-stop services from Los Angeles to Shanghai, China. This new venture offers numerous economic and cultural opportunities for Los Angeles County.

In 2006, Los Angeles established record levels of trade with China. Over \$118 billion in goods between the United States and China were handled through the Los Angeles ports and the Los Angeles International Airport. Given that Shanghai is one of the top Chinese gateways for U.S. trade and the bulk of that trade moves through Los Angeles, United's nonstop Los Angeles-Shanghai service would facilitate greater U.S.-China trade.

Direct flight service would also improve cultural ties between Los Angeles and China. Los Angeles is home to half million Chinese descendants. Furthermore, an increasing number of Chinese have the means to travel abroad, and Los Angeles is one of the most popular tourist destinations; thirty-percent of Chinese nationals choose to visit the Los Angeles area.

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A daily Los Angeles-Shanghai flight by United Airlines would also have a tremendous impact on the local economy. This new service is expected to contribute \$156 million in wages; 3,120 direct and indirect jobs mostly in the high-wage manufacturing area; estimated 4,070 incremental annual tons of air cargo imports; and 2,263 annual tons of air cargo exports.

These aforementioned factors make Los Angeles the ideal choice for nonstop U.S. carrier service to Shanghai.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Direct the Executive Office to send a five signature letter to the Department of Transportation urging them to accept the United Airlines proposal.

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